

CHAPTER 1 SECTION 6.1

NURSING HOME VISITS

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I. PROCEDURE CODE RANGE

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II. DESCRIPTION

Visits by an individual professional provider to patients in a facility which provides room, board, and other personal assistance services, generally on a long-term basis. The facility's services do not include a medical component.

III. POLICY

A. These visits are covered when the following conditions are met:

1. The visit is medically necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of a specific illness or injury; or

2. If it has been determined that the patient is receiving custodial care, occasional physician monitoring, as well as some skilled nursing services, may be required. In such situations, benefits may be extended for up to twelve (12) physician visits per calendar year (not to exceed one per month) and for visiting nurse's services not to exceed one hour per day in any day in which skilled nursing services are rendered.

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